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Defendant: Phil Perry et al

The Last of Several Co-Conspirators Sentenced

Phil Perry, 59, of Pinconning, Michigan, was sentenced to 120 months, or 10 years, of imprisonment on a felony drug charge by U.S. District Judge Thomas L. Ludington in Bay City, Michigan, on December 15, 2008, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today. Phil Perry was the last of several co-conspirators charged in a multi-count cocaine and marijuana conspiracy indictment to be sentenced.

Phil Perry pled guilty to the conspiracy charge in the indictment and acknowledged that he was responsible for 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. His wife, Theresa Perry, 54, also of Pinconning, was allowed to plea guilty to a felony marijuana charge in Saginaw County Circuit Court.

Two of Phil Perry's brother also pled guilty charges in the indictment and were sentenced previously by Judge Ludington. Kip Perry, 52, of Saginaw, received a sentence of 151 months, or over 12 years, for his involvement with cocaine and marijuana trafficking. Bruce Perry, 54, also of Saginaw, received an aggregate sentence of 72 months, or 6 years, for his involvement in the drug trafficking and his illegal possession of firearms.

Phillip Gianfortuna, 42, of Saginaw, likewise pled guilty to the conspiracy charge in the same indictment, acknowledged his involvement with cocaine trafficking, and received a sentence of 140 months, or over 11 years. Jose Sandoval, 24, of Detroit, pled guilty to a marijuana trafficking offense, and received a sentence of 32 months.

Robert Ocampo, 45, of Saginaw, was convicted by a jury of a variety of drug and gunrelated charges. The jury also found Ocampo responsible for 5 kilograms or more of cocaine and 100 kilograms or more of marijuana, and determined that some of the offenses occurred within 1000 feet of a school. Ocampo was sentenced to a total of 35 years in custody by Judge Ludington. Ocampo's appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is pending.

During Ocampo's trial, the government presented evidence that showed that Ocampo travelled extensively to buy large quantities of marijuana and cocaine from sources located outside of Michigan. Ocampo then supplied kilos of cocaine and marijuana to customers such as Gianfortuna and Sandoval. Kip Perry was shown to be Gianfortuna's partner in the drug distribution organization that operated in Saginaw and Bay Counties. Phil and Theresa Perry, and others, obtained drugs from Kip Perry for distribution to other customers, while Bruce Perry was Kip Perry's close associate. Search warrants executed as part of the investigation into the conspiracy resulted in the seizure of hundreds of pounds of marijuana, over a kilogram of cocaine, firearms, and substantial sums of cash. The Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office has successfully prosecuted other members of the conspiracy and pursued forfeiture of assets obtained from drug trafficking.

The case was investigated by a team of law enforcement agencies led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Michigan State Police, BAYANET, and the sheriff's departments for Saginaw and Bay County. The case was prosecuted by United States Attorney's Office in Bay City, Michigan.